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TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney

FROM: WILLIAM BOXLEY, Investigator

RE: Notes taken from the DICK CAVITT interview of ALLEN DULLES, former Director of the CIA, at approximately 10:30 to 10:45 A.M. on May 22, 1968, on Channel 12.

DULLES appeared on the program to plug an anthology of forty intelligence stories which he has authored. Early in the interview CAVITT asked him about the extent of the role which intelligence played in the invasion of Normandy during World War II. DULLES replied that intelligence played a very important role particularly in keeping the Germans off-balance as to the point at which the invasion would be made. He explained that intelligence accomplished this by the planting of false rumors and false information as to where fake strikes would occur. CAVITT asked, 'But can you really effectively plant false information?' And DULLES replied very earnestly, 'Oh, yes, quite effectively.' DULLES explained that if the false information and rumors are carefully planted and planted by professional intelligence people that there is no reason why the opposition should ever become aware that they are false before it's too late.

CAVITT - What do you think of District Attorney Jim Garrison's charges to the effect that the CIA was deeply involved in the assassination of President Kennedy?

DULLES - That's nonsense.

CAVITT - Didn't he subpoena you to appear as a witness in his investigation?

DULLES - He has been TALKING about a subpoena but he hasn't done it yet. No subpoena has been served on me.

CAVITT - Would you go if you were served?

DULLES - If it's legally done, I would have no choice. You see there's an agreement among the states regarding witnesses which would make it encumbent upon me to appear but I have not been served.

CAVITT - Well, Garrison has indicated that it's not the entire CIA but elements or factions within the CIA which are involved in the assassination.

DULLES - He hasn't produced an iota of evidence to substantiate any of his charges yet and I don't think he will.

(QUOTATIONS ARE PARAPHRASED FROM NOTES -- CHANNEL 12 DID NOT MAKE A TAPE LOCALLY BUT ONE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ABC NATIONALLY).